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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Zerbst Airfield

EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT

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DATE PREPARED

22 May 1953

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Between 10 March and 3 April 1953, there was intensive air activity by MiG-15s at Zerbst airfield. Night flying was also repeatedly practiced. On 11 March, 21 MiG-15 or type-29 planes were parked at the field while others were aloft.

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3. On the afternoon of 18 March, there was heavy flying at the field. Weather was fair and visibility good. [redacted] groups of six MiG-15s taking off and landing. A MiG-15 towing a sleeve target was also observed but no firing practices were held. [redacted] on 23 April, there was heavy air activity at the field. A formation of four MiG-15s approached, formed a single file formation and landed in repeated succession. In the course of the afternoon, MiG-15s practiced flying in formations of four. The planes took off in groups of two. [redacted] one plane diving at an angle of about 45 degrees from an altitude of 3,500 to 4,000 meters to an altitude of about 1,500 meters. After this maneuver had been performed eight times, the plane landed and taxied to the flight control station, where 17 MiG-15s were parked. On this day, 25 MiG-15s were parked at the field. [redacted]

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5. [redacted] sketch of an antenna system observed west of the western end of the runway.

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7. [] on 27 April, there was air activity at the field. The planes observed flying took off and landed individually or in groups of two. [] a MiG-15 landed after dropping a sleeve target.

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1. [] Comment. According to available information, headquarters of a fighter division and two fighter regiments are stationed at Zerbst airfield. It is believed that a large portion of the planes available there are housed in the four big hangars in the western portion of the field.

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2. [] Comment. A light AAA emplacement is believed to be available in the northern portion of Zerbst airfield.

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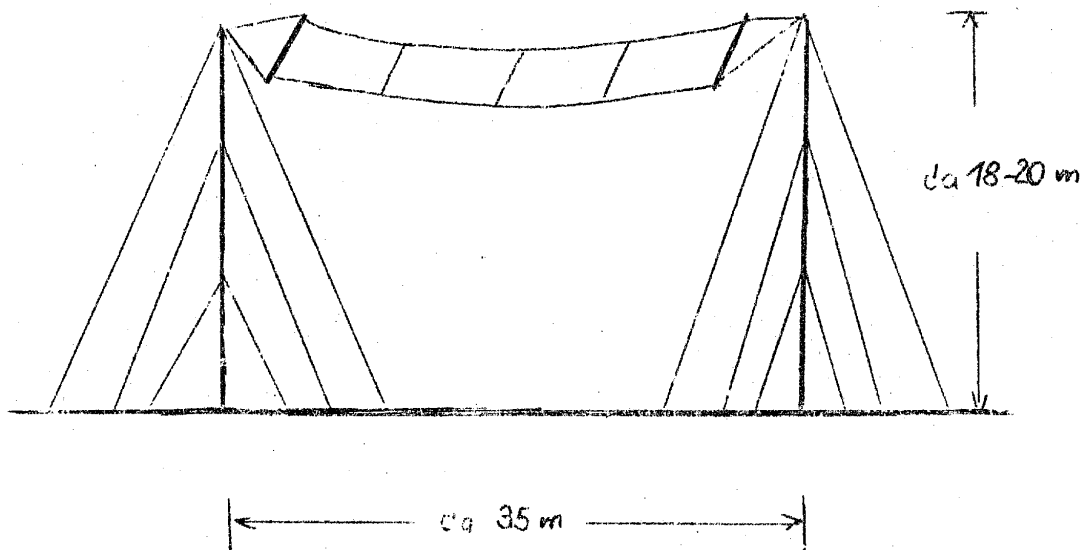
3. [] Comment. The existence of this antenna system was first reported in September 1952. [] The antenna system probably belongs to a radio installation which is not connected with the air-traffic control service. For sketch of the antenna system, see Annex.

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Radio Installation on the Western Edge
of Herbst Airfield



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